

## Message Text

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MILITARY ADDEES TREAT AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

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TAGS: EEWT, MASS, CH, UK  
SUBJECT: CHINESE INTEREST IN ROLLS ROYCE MARINE GAS  
TURBINES

1. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT TO KEEP US ADVISED  
OF POTENTIAL UK MILITARY SALES TO CHINA, FCO (MURRAY,  
FAR EAST DEPARTMENT) HAS ADVISED THAT A TECHNICAL-LEVEL  
CHINESE TEAM IS EN ROUTE TO BRITAIN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH  
ROLLS ROYCE ON THE LATTER'S MARINE GAS TURBINES. ROLLS  
ROYCE HAS PREPARED A PRESENTATION ON THE "OLYMPUS" GAS  
TURBINE, BUT BELIEVES THE CHINESE MAY BE INTERESTED IN  
THE "TYNE," "PROTEUS," AND "SPEY" (MARINE VERSION), AS  
WELL.

2. FCO STRESSED TO US THAT THESE TALKS ARE ONLY  
EXPLORATORY AND ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN AT CHINESE INITIA-  
TIVE. ROLLS ROYCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT THE TALKS  
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WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT FROM HMG  
REGARDING POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF EVENTUAL SALES.

3. FCO HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US POSTED ON DEVELOPMENTS  
AND TO LET US KNOW THE APPARENT RANGE AND SERIOUSNESS  
OF CHINESE INTEREST IN THE GAS TURBINES. TO THE BEST OF  
OUR INTERLOCUTORS' KNOWLEDGE, THE TURBINES TO BE

DISCUSSED WOULD PRESUMABLY BE USED TO POWER VESSELS IN  
THE 1,000-8,000 TON CLASS.

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